Pondicherry-0.02, 0.00, 0.00, Chandigarh-0.30, 1.43, 0.89; Uttar Pradesh-24.34, 11.92, 9.04; Uttaranchal-0.17, 0.04, 1.31; West Bengal-23.14, 36.27, 54.97 respectively.

New civil air strip in Bareilly

†1344. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for a civil air strip near air force air strip in Bareilly is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the work on it will commence; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Opposition to Open Sky Policy

1345. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any objection and opposition to Open Sky Region by Government with ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, whether it is due to the inefficient, incipient handling of Indian Airlines and Air India while small countries like Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia are likely to dominate through their air services in the sky by 2010; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to fend the loss making airlines in such a way that undue profit and supremacy of private airlines India are stiffled by extra efforts while throwing away the obsolete policy and mind set of Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) No decision has been taken, as yet, to join the proposed open sky agreement with ASEAN countries.

Passengers carried by airlines

1346. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.